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IMPACT OF CHINESE IMPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment on the impact of domestic industries due to import from China during each of the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has fixed any target for such imports/export from/to China and other countries till 2010;

(d) if so, the details thereof, country-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to curb expensive import from China and other countries to safeguard the interest of the domestic industry and to face competition in the international market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)& (b) No specific study has been carried out to assess the impact of imports from China on the domestic industry. However, imports from China during the last three years, are as follows:

Year Value (Rs. in Lakhs)

2004-05 3189230

2005-06 4811665

2006-07 7900861

April 2007 8020652
-December2007

(Provisional)

Source : DGCIS

(c) & (d) In August 2004 at the time of announcement of Foreign Trade Policy 2004-09, a target of doubling our percentage share of global merchandise trade within the next 5 years was set. Our total merchandise trade in 2007-08 is USD 390 billion (approx.) which accounts for nearly 1.5% of world trade. Export target for 2008-09 has been fixed at USD 200 billion.However, no separate countrywise export targets have been fixed.

(e) No specific measures have been taken to curb expensive imports from China & other countries to protect the domestic industry. Whenever complaints are received regarding 'dumped' imports, and consequential injury to the domestic industry, the Directorate General of Anti Dumping (DGAD) initiates investigations/ action as per anti dumping rules.